GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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THREAT TO DAKSHINESHWAR TEMPLE FROM RIVER EROSION
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dakshineshwar Temple authority of West Bengal have drawn the attention of the Union Government towards the serious threat faced by the temple from erosion by Ganges;

(b) if so, the steps taken to protect this centre of pilgrimage; and

(c) whether the Government are considering to provide rope way facilities over the Ganges between Belur Math and Dakshineswar Temple to attract pilgrims and tourists?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The matter was taken up with the Ministry of Shipping and they have started work for protection of the river bank in order to prevent its adverse effects on the river regime/compartment accommodating the navigational passage to the Kolkata Dock System of Kolkata Port.

A project with Central financial component of Rs.62.82 lakhs for repair of Bathing Ghats and fencing of the area on the Eastern Bank of river Hooghly in front of Sri Sarda Math, Dakshineshwar in Kolkata has also been sanctioned by the Department of Tourism during the current financial year.

(c): No, Sir.